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SUBJECT:PAKISTAN MILITARY SALES

1. WE FACE THE FIRST TRIAL CASE UNDER THE GUIDELINES ON
POLICY TOWARDS PAKISTAN APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY LAST WEEK
(STATE 102155, WHICH WE ARE REPEATING FOR YOUR READY REFER-
ENCE). THESE GUIDELINES INTER ALIA STATED THAT WE WOULD
PROCEED 'CAUTIOUSLY" IN HANDLING NEW LOAS.

2. THE IMMEDIATE ISSUE WHICH HAS ARISEN IS THE GOP'S DESIRE
TO BUY A SECONDHAND NAVY BOILER VALUED AT DOLS 40,000. A
PAK NAVY TEAM WILL BE TAKING THIS UP IN WASHINGTON NEXT
WEEK. PETER CONSTABLE HAS ALERTED US TO THIS CASE AND RE-
COMMENDED THAT WE NOT APPROVE IT DESPITE ITS SMALL SIZE.
HE PROPOSED THAT WE NOT REJECT THE REQUEST BUT RATHER SIMPLY
NOT RESPOND. HE FEARS THAT APPROVAL WOULD BE SEEN AS A
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SIGNAL BY THE TOP LEVELS OF THE GOP THAT WE ARE STILL PRE-
PARED TO MOVE AHEAD WITH BUSINESS AS USUAL, A SIGNAL WE
HAVE AGREED NOT TO SEND.

3. WE, INCLUDING ART HUMMEL, THINK THAT THIS IS TOO MINOR
AN ISSUE ON WHICH TO MAKE OUR POINT. IT WOULD GIVE BHUTTO
A NEW CLUB TO USE AGAINST US, WOULD UNNECESSARILY IRRITATE

THE PAKISTANI MILITARY, AND ADD A SOUR NOTE TO THE SECRE-

TARY'S POSSIBLE MEETING WITH AZIZ AHMED. WE WOULD PREFER TO TREAT THE BOILER AS A ROUTINE SPARE PARTS MATTER, LET THE SALE GO AHEAD AND MAKE OUR POINT ON A MORE SIGNIFICANT ITEM SUCH AS THE 52 MILLION DOLLAR LOA FOR COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT.

4. YOU MAY WANT TO REVIEW THIS MATTER WITH PETER. LET US KNOW WHAT YOU DECIDE SINCE WE WILL HAVE TO INFORM DOD. CHRISTOPHER

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